

## **BALANCING AGRICULTURAL AND WATER CONCERNS** **US Lessons Learned for French Consideration**

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10:00            Opening: Philip Breedon, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs  
                    US Embassy Paris

### **FIRST ROUNDTABLE: AGRICULTURE AND WATER – Competing Demands**

**When the well is dry, we know the worth of water. – Benjamin Franklin**

Moderator:    Emmanuel Grenier, French Association of Environmental Journalist

10:10            Megan Stubbs, Congressional Research Service (CRS): Agriculture and Water in  
                    the US

10:40            Question & Answer

10:50            Carole Zakine, Société des Agriculteurs de France (Farmers of France)

11:05            Daniel Martin, President, Irrigants de France (Irrigation Association of France)

11:20            Academia and research:

- Ellen Hanak, Public Policy Institute of California, co-author of “Managing California’s Water: From Conflict to Reconciliation”
- Bernard Barraqué, Research Director at National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS) , associate professor at AgroParistech
- Bernard Itier, Research Director at NRA (French Institute for Agricultural Research) – Agriculture and Drought

12:20 Question and Answer

12:40 Lunch on your own

**SECOND ROUND TABLE: AGRICULTURE AND WATER – STAKEHOLDERS  
FINDING COMMON GROUND**

Moderator: Erik Massin, President, AFJA (French Association of Agricultural Journalists)

14:15 Film on Chesapeake Bay

14:20 Erik Michelson – Executive Director, South River Federation – Overview of the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; role of non-governmental associations and public-private partnerships, innovative ideas.

14:40 Cyril Portalez, Regional Director, Agence de l'Eau Seine Normandie

14:55 Francois-Marie Pellerin – France Nature Environnement (NGO) –What are the similarities and differences in the French and US non-governmental practices

15:15 Jon Scholl, President, American Farmland Trust - US Farmers' Views

15:40 Pascal Ferey – President of the Environment Committee, FNSEA (French Farmers Union)

16:00 Megan Stubbs, CRS: 2012 Farm Bill – role of Congress, government and lobbies

16:20 French Ministry of Ecology - TBC

16:35 Q&As

16:50 Conclusion: Wendela C. Moore, Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs, US Embassy Paris

17:00 End

